THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): The current flaring of gas is 5.68 MMSCMD which is 10.55 per cent of the current production. The percentage utilisation is 89-45 percent.

**Production of crude oil in North-Eastern Region**

1384. DR. B. R. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production, demand and import of crude oil, since 1989-90;

(b) whether the growth rate of production of crude oil is showing a declining trend since 1989-90;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of crude oil;

(e) the share of North-Eastern Region in the production of crude oil; and

(f) the major projects under implementation in North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT- SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement indicating the production demand and import of crude oil since 1989-90 is attached. *{See* below)

(b) and (c) The indigenous production of crude oil showed a declining trend upto 1992-93. The decline was due to factors such as ageing of oil fields, implementation of rectificatory measures in the Bombay High, environmental constraints in the North-East, etc.

(d) Govt, initiated a number of short-term and medium-term measures to boost the production of; crude oil. As a result of this, the declining trend has since been arrested. The measures so initiated include development of new fields, additional development of some existing fields, etc.

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(e) The share of the North-East region in the current production of crude oil is around 16 per cent.

(f) The measures initiated in the North-Eastern Region to step up crude oil production include enhanced oil recovery, stepping up work-over operation, artificial lift, the implementation of new technologies like drain hole drilling, etc-

**Statement**

(Million Tonnes)

| Year | Production of crude oil | Demand of crude oil (Rfinery through-put) | Import of crude oil |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 . . . . | 34·087 | 51·942 | 19·490 |
| 1990-91 . . . . | 33·021 | 51·772 | 20·699 |
| 1991-92 . . . . | 30·346 | 51·423 | 23·994 |
| 1992-93 . . . . | 26.950 | 53 482 | 29 247 |
| 1993-94* . . . | 27.026 | 54·296 | 30 822 |
| 1994-95* . . . | 23·896 | 42·423 | 20·624 |
| (April-Dec.) | | | |

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